

Perforations



Last month we got a in-depth look of the operations "US Railway Post Office (RPO)" and some history by Gary Olson as we viewed a period training video.



This month we will learn about "Christmas Seals" by Bill Schultz, a program that began in the early 1900's in Denmark in an effort to help children sick with tuberculosis.



Holiday Brunch —

The Golden Corral room has been reserved for Saturday, 07 December 2024 (beginning at 11:30 am).

Current Member meals will be paid from our savings account (if you received this newsletter, then you get a free lunch.).

Guest will be charged \$28.00, payable to our treasurer, Gary Olson, who will pay the Golden Corral for hosting our event.

Address: Golden Corral / 1455 N Dilleys Rd / Gurnee IL 60031



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Ryukyu Stamps — This topic of US postal history can be broken down into three phases: **Provisional:** 1945 – 1948; **Yen series:** 1948 – 1958, and **Dollar series:** 1958 – 1972.

We will start with the a brief look at the **Provisional Series**. After the Ryukyu Islands / Okinawa's operation **Iceberg** ended on 1945 June 22, the US military divide the island group into four administrative groups or guntos from north-to-south: Amami Gunto; Okinawa Gunto; Miyako Gunto and Yaeyama Gunto.

Postal service within these groups were coordinated under the four hold-over postmasters of who used **Inkans** (The mark left on the stamp) by the **Hanko** (seal/chop device) on former Japanese stamps available.



For postal purposes, it was not until 1946 August 23 that the Okinawa Military ...

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Meeting Schedule & Topics

- 19 November – "Christmas Seals" – Bill Schultz
- 07 December – Holiday Brunch @ Golden Corral
- 28 January – Annual Elections
- "Century of Progress Update II" - Ed Pieklo

Next Meeting:

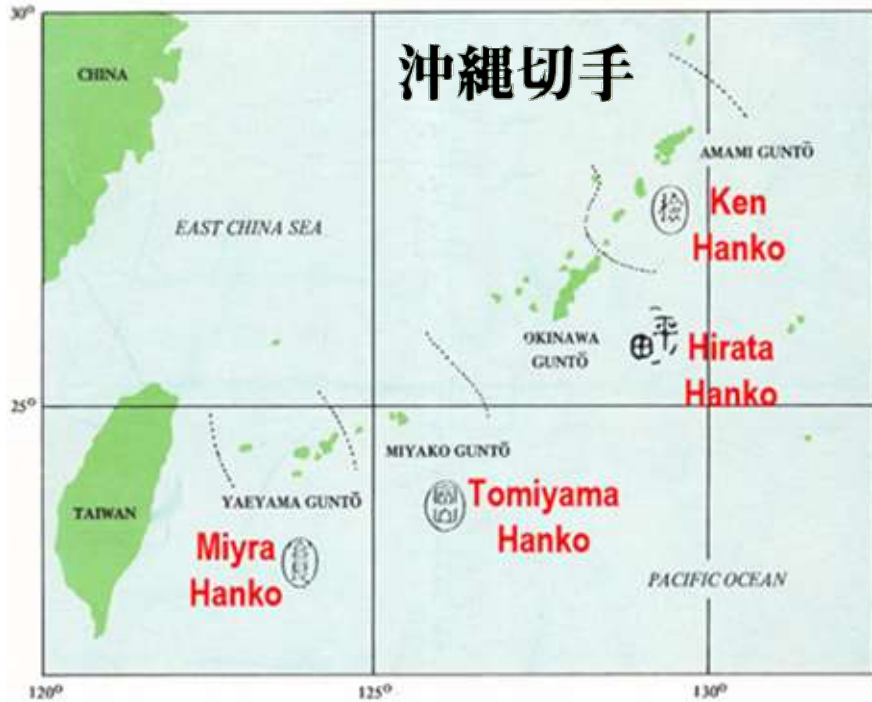
2:00-PM on Tuesday, 19 November 2024
 Grayslake Historical Society — Any Changes will be posted on: lcpshome.org



- Officers:**
- Tom Willer – President
 - Bill Schultz – Vice President
 - Dave Sadler – Secretary
 - Gary Olson – Treasurer

Government finally agreed to a formal exchange of mail with Japan (effective September 10).

Next year, by the end of April, although there were a total of 131 post offices in the four groups (Amami, 61; Miyako, 5; Okinawa, 52; and Yaeyama, 13) were in operation no provision had yet been effected for the exchange of international mail, except through Japan. With transfer of responsibility for military governments to the U.S. Army on 1946 July 01, however, the Far East Command of General MacArthur took greater interest in our four military orphans; in April of 1947, a plan for the exchange of international mail was submitted to the Okinawa Military Government for comments /concurrence (they concurred quickly).



Provisional Postal Administration Groups & Hanco's (1945 – 1948)

This led to as true exchange of international mail for occupied enemy islands that was complicated by the fact that military services had to depend upon other federal departments for initiating action:

- (1) the Post Office Department for a request to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) for service authorization, and
- (2) the Department of State for negotiation of specific mail service agreements with other nations.

It was not until the military surrendering to the civilian postal authorities, that the four groups were merged and became an entity — when Okinawa was recognized by the UPU.

This act also gave the US a new territory to administer, removing military oversight of civilian affairs throughout the archipelago.

Next month, we will look at the “new” civilian aspects of Okinawa postal issues.

“Hanko” Examples of the Four Groups



Amami Okinawa Miyako Yaeyama



Revenue Example



A “J.V.B.” Example

Okinawan Provisionals can be found in many conditions - most with or without gum as issued, usually with glassine residue (*Okinawa is very humid*) backing and stamped on back with “J.V.B.” (Joe Victor Bush) who acquired most of the then available postage just after Okinawa began issuing its own stamps.



J.V. Bush

Mr. Bush (1917-2001) is mostly remembered for founding the **Allied Military Government (AMG) Collectors Club** that is mainly interested in European Issues (see: <https://www.amgcollectors.org/>) after leaving the military due to severe injuries sustained in a Jeep accident when stationed in Britain.

Joe founded the Bush company in 1946 while in a hospital in Michigan recovering from those injuries. In 1948, Bush moved his family and business to California.

The company continued until 2012 when his son, Mike, passed away.



Ryukyu Islands 3X15, 3X28 & 3X31 Miyako Provisional Stamps on Bulk Mail Receipt (note: dates based on the reign of the Emperor – YYMMDD or 22.6.24 translates to 1946 June 24 Gregorian)